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SUBJECT: FUEL SHORTAGES - INTERNATIONAL AVIATION

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1. ESSO EUROPE SOURCE TELLS US COMPARATIVELY MINOR PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN CAUSED THUS FAR IN BRITAIN AS A RESULT OF 15 TO 20 PER CENT REDUCTION IN NORMAL INDUSTRY DELIVERIES OF JET FUEL TO CONTRACT CUSTOMERS. PANAM AND OTHER CARRIERS MAY HAVE TO CUTBACK ON NUMBER OF FLIGHTS BUT THIS NOT SERIOUS OPERATIONAL HANDICAP. ON CONTRARY, IT MAY BE WELCOMED BY AIRLINES.

2. MOBIL UK SOURCE POINTS OUT HOWEVER THAT WITHIN ANOTHER MONTH, GIVEN ANTICIPATED DROPOFF IN CRUDE SUPPLIES, JET FUEL CUTBACKS COULD REACH 25 PER CENT OFF CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS. MOREOVER, INCREASE IN "PICK UP" VOLUMES CAUSED BY SHORTAGES ELSEWHERE, ARE LIKELY TO BE MONITORED TO INSURE ADHERENCE TO HISTORICAL PATTERNS.

3. ESSO SOURCE STATES THAT EXXON HAS CUT BETWEEN 15 AND 25 PER CENT ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE EXCEPT FOR GERMANY AND PORTUGAL WHICH ARE CAUSE FOR GREATEST CONCERN RIGHT NOW. IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IN FRG IS GETTING FUEL INTO FRANKFURT AREA. LISBON HAS BEEN HURT ON OTHER HAND BY CUTBACK IN IMPORTS FROM ITALY, APPARENTLY INSTITUTED BY GOI IN DEFERENCE TO ARAB PRODUCER STATE SENSITIVITIES.

4. ESSO BELIEVES IT IS HARD TO PREDICT, OUTSIDE OF NETHERLANDS, EXACTLY WHERE FUTURE SHORTAGE MAY CROP UP. SINCE JET FUEL IS IN SAME GENERAI CATEGORY AS HEATING OIL, TENDENCY WILL BE FOR REAL PINCH IN DOMESTIC HEATING OIL MARKET TO REFLECT ITSELF IN PRESSURES ON JET FUEL MARKET.

5. INDUSTRY SOURCES ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY PROSPECTIVE UK GOVERNMENT ACTIONS AFFECTING FUEL FOR INTERNATIONAL AVIATION, BUT IT PREDICTABLE HMG WILL LAY DOWN "NORMAL SUPPLY" GUIDELINES AS SITUATION WORSENS.

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